

# GENERALIZED BRA AND KET VECTORS IN INFINITESIMAL GEOMETRY

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This paper gives a more comprehensive treatment of bra and ket vectors than what was discussed in a previous paper (Ghosh 1973). Starting from a two-fold vector the author has introduced here higher order  $k$ -fold bra and ket vectors with their matrix representations involving  $k$ -fold matrix units and elements expressed as functional determinants.

§ 1. Let us start with the general infinitesimal vector of the second order (Ghosh 1973)

$$\mu(x_r, x_s) \sqrt{dx_r} \sqrt{dx_s}, \quad r, s = 1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (1.1)$$

expressed in the form of an infinite matrix.

Associated with the above there are an infinite number of ket vectors of the first order with components

$$M_p^h = \mu(x_p, x_h) \sqrt{dx_p}, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, \infty. \quad (1.2)$$

$p$  running over the values  $1, 2, \dots, (x_{k-\infty}$  being finite).

The components of the bra vectors of the first order are written as

$$M_h^p = \mu(x_h, x_p) \sqrt{dx_p}, \quad h = 1, 2, \dots, \infty \quad (1.3)$$

The index  $p$  in the above is called an effective index while index  $h$  has fixed values.

Using the symbol  $\mu_p^h$  to denote  $\mu(x_p, x_h)$  let us take a pair of ket vectors  $M^i, M^j$  with components written in the form of an array

$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} \mu_1^i \sqrt{dx_1} & \mu_2^i \sqrt{dx_2} & \dots & \mu_p^i \sqrt{dx_p} \dots \infty \\ \mu_1^j \sqrt{dx_1} & \mu_2^j \sqrt{dx_2} & \dots & \mu_p^j \sqrt{dx_p} \dots \infty \end{array} \right]. \quad (1.4)$$

We now construct a two-fold ket vector  $M^{ij}$  of the second order with two-fold infinity of components in determinantal form

$$M_{pa}^{ij} = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mu_p^i & \mu_a^i \\ \mu_p^j & \mu_a^j \end{array} \right| \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_a}, \quad p < a = 1, 2 \dots \infty \quad (1.5)$$

containing a pair of effective indices  $(p, q)$  running over an ascending set of two-fold numbers

$$(12) (13) (23) (14) (24) (34) (15) (25) (35) (45) \dots \\ (1k) (2k) \dots (k-1, k) \dots k \rightarrow \infty. \quad (1.6)$$

It is to be noted that the numbers in (1.6) comprized within a given value of  $k$  is  $k_{e_2}$ . Remembering that the square of the array (1.4) is equal to the square of the norm of the two-fold vector  $M^{ij}$  we get

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^{i,j} \\ M^{k,j} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^k M^j \\ M^k M^j \end{array} \right\} \quad (1.7)$$

If  $K^{ki}$  denote the two-fold ket vector corresponding to another infinitesimal vector of the second order with components

$$\nu(x_r, x_s) \sqrt{dx_r} \sqrt{dx_s}, \quad r, s = 1, 2 \dots \infty \quad (1.8)$$

we have

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^{k,j} \\ N^{k,i} \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} M^k M^j \\ N^k N^i \end{array} \right\}. \quad (1.9)$$

With a pair of bra vectors  $M_i M_j$  in (1.3) we can construct a two-fold bra vector  $M_{ij}$  with components

$$M_{ij}^{p,q} = \left| \begin{array}{cc} \mu_p^i & \mu_q^i \\ \mu_p^j & \mu_q^j \end{array} \right| \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_q}, \quad p < q = 1, 2, \dots \infty \quad (1.10)$$

obtaining relations similar to (1.7), (1.9).

It must be noted in (1.5) or (1.10) that if we give a fixed value to  $p$  or  $q$  the resulting determinants will represent a partial set of components of  $M^{ij}$ , or  $M_{ij}$ . We observe that the column and the row vectors (1; 5, 10) generate a general two-fold matrix  $M_{p,q}^{r,s}$  with row numbers and column numbers running over the two-fold infinity of values (1.6).

## 2. MATRIX REPRESENTATION OF VECTORS

Corresponding to the first set (1, 2, 3) we form the couple of matrices (Ghosh 1940)

$$M^i = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \mu_p^i \sqrt{dx_p} (e_{p+1,1} + e_{1,p+1}) \quad (2.1)$$

$$\tilde{M}^i = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \mu_p^i \sqrt{dx_p} (e_{p+1,1} + e_{1,p+1}), \quad (2.2)$$

where  $e$ 's denote matrix units.

In the above representation the non-zero elements of the vector appear only in the first row and the first column, all other elements being zero.

Introducing the unit matrix (Ghosh 1973) expressed shortly as.

$$U = \sum_{p=1}^{\infty} e_{p+1,p+1} \quad (2.3)$$

we can write (2.1) and (2.2)

$$\begin{aligned} M^i &= UM^i + M^iU \\ \widetilde{M}^i &= \widetilde{UM} + \widetilde{M}^iU \end{aligned} \quad (2.4)$$

forming the product of a pair of matrices  $M^i, N^j$  we get

$$M^i N^j = UM^i N^j U + M^i U N^j \quad (2.5)$$

where  $UM^i N^j U$  represents the infinitesimal vector of the second order in matrix form

$$\sum_{p,q=1}^{\infty} \mu_p^i \nu_q^j \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_q} e_{p+1,q+1} \quad (2.6)$$

and,  $M^i U N^j$  denotes

$$\sum_{p=1}^{\infty} \mu_p^i \nu_p^j dx_p e_{11} \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^i \\ N^j \end{matrix} \right\} e_{11}. \quad (2.7)$$

Product of three vectors  $M^i, N^j, P^k$  may be expressed as

$$M^i N^j P^k = UM^i \left\{ \begin{matrix} N^j \\ P^k \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^i \\ N^j \end{matrix} \right\} P^k U. \quad (2.8)$$

It follows from the above that a matrix  $M^i$  satisfies the characteristic equation

$$(M^i)^3 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^i \\ M^i \end{matrix} \right\} M^i. \quad (2.9)$$

To transform an infinitesimal vector  $M^i$  we make use of the transformation matrix

$$\phi = \sum_{p,q=1}^{\infty} \phi(x_p, x_q) \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_q} (e_{p+1,q+1}) \quad (2.10)$$

and write

$$M^i = \phi M^i + M^i \widetilde{\phi} \quad (2.11)$$

Where  $\widetilde{\phi}$  denotes the transposed of  $\phi$ .

A matrix algebra along these lines has been framed in an earlier paper (Ghosh 1940) with applications to rigid body motion. Next we

proceed to the matrix representation of a two-fold Ket vector  $M^{ij}$  defined in (1.5). If  $(pq)$  and  $(p'q')$  denote a pair of consecutive members in (1.6) then following (2.1)  $M^{ij}$  in matrix form becomes

$$M^{ij} = \sum_{(pq)}^{\infty} \mu_{pq}^{ij} \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_q} (e_{p'q', 12} + e_{12, p'q'}) \quad (2.12)$$

where the summation  $(pq)$  ranges over the values (12), (13), (23) (14)... in succession.

Introducing the diagonal unit matrix

$$U = \sum_{(pq)}^{\infty} e_{pq, pq} \quad (2.13)$$

where the first element  $e_{12, 12}$  is zero we can write (2.12) in the form

$$M^{ij} = UM^{ij} + M^{ij} U \quad (2.14)$$

where  $UM^{ij} U = 0$ .

The product of two vectors can be written as

$$M^{ij} N^{kl} = UM^{ij} N^{kl} U + M^{ij} U N^{kl} \quad (2.15)$$

where

$$M^{ij} U N^{kl} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^{ij} \\ N^{kl} \end{matrix} \right\} e_{12, 12} \quad (2.16)$$

and  $UM^{ij} N^{kl} U$  represents

$$\sum_{(pq)(r's')}^{\infty} \mu_{pq}^{ij} \nu_{r's'}^{kl} \sqrt{dx_p} \sqrt{dx_q} \sqrt{dx_r} \sqrt{dx_s} e_{p'q', r's'} \quad (2.17)$$

a simple two-fold matrix in general form.

Product of three matrices  $M^{ij}$ ,  $N^{kl}$ ,  $P^{mn}$  may be expressed as

$$UM^{ij} \left\{ \begin{matrix} N^{kl} \\ P^{mn} \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^{ij} \\ N^{kl} \end{matrix} \right\} P^{mn} U. \quad (2.18)$$

Generally the product of an even number of matrices is of type (2.15) and for an odd number the product is of type (2.18). From (2.18) it follows that  $M^{ij}$  satisfies the characteristic equation

$$(M^{ij})^2 = \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^{ij} \\ M^{ij} \end{matrix} \right\} M^{ij}. \quad (2.19)$$

Let us consider the simple ante-symmetric two-fold operator

$$\alpha^{ij} = U (M^{ij} N^{ij} - N^{ij} M^{ij}) \quad (2.20)$$

Operating upon  $P^{kl}$  we get

$$P^{kl} = M^{ij} \left\{ \begin{matrix} N^{ij} \\ P^{kl} \end{matrix} \right\} - \left\{ \begin{matrix} M^{ij} \\ P^{kl} \end{matrix} \right\} N^{ij}. \quad (2.21)$$

$P^{ki}$  = is transformed into a vector lying in the plane of  $M^{ij}$ ,  $N^{ij}$  orthogonal to  $P^{ki}$ . It may be seen that  $\alpha^{ij}$  satisfies the characteristic equation

$$(\alpha^{ij})^3 = -\begin{Bmatrix} M^{ij} & N^{ij} \\ M^{ij} & N^{ij} \end{Bmatrix} \alpha^{ij} \tag{2.22}$$

For a two-fold bra vector similar treatment may be adopted. A general two-fold matrix is expressible in the form

$$\sum_{pq, rs}^{\infty} \mu_{pq}^{rs} \sqrt{dx_p dx_q} \sqrt{dx_r dx_s} e_{p'q',r's'} \tag{2.23}$$

The above treatment can be easily extended to tackle  $k$ -fold infinitesimal vectors (Ghosh 1970). For the matrix representation of these vectors we have to introduce  $k$ -fold matrix units involving several indices having elements expressed as functional determinants of  $k$ th order. For various operations among these matrices we shall have recourse to determinantal identities obtained in a previous paper (Ghosh 1973).

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